

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph beginning at page 3, line 18 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The method of neutralization titration will be described hereinafter. A mixture of 0.1 g of a compound which has an acidic group, 544 ml of MFG (1-methoxy-2-propanol) and 6 ml of water is subjected to neutralization titration in a burette, using a 0.1 N NaOH aqueous solution. The pH thereof is measured at 25°C with a pH meter (HM-26S) manufactured by DKK-TOA Corporation. The acid value is obtained as the mol number of NaOH necessary for the neutralization of 1 g of the compound.